

Amendments to the specification:

Please amend the application to change the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 28 to read as follows:

Figure 1 illustrates one embodiment of a round of ammunition 10 of the present invention which includes a generally tubular case 12 having a closed end 14 and an open end 16. Within the closed end 14 there is provided a flame port 20 and a primer 18 disposed with the flame port. The case open end 16 includes a necked-down, ie., reduced diameter, portion 22 which is separated from the full diameter case body 32 by a shoulder 30. The necked-down portion 22 is internally sized to receive therein a projectile 24 having a multi-part core 25 in accordance with the present invention. The case further defines a cavity 26 between the closed end 14 and the projectile 24. This cavity is loaded with gun powder 28. The geometry of the case 12 is chosen to conform with industry standards for a given caliber cartridge, e.g., .223 caliber (equivalent to 5.56 mm, which is designed to be fired from M-16 or M-4 weapons having a closed gas operated system for operation of the bolt of the weapon, for example.) The overall length (OAL) 34 of the cartridge is measured from end-to-end of the cartridge, including the projectile 24. This OAL of a round of ammunition is critical to the successful feeding of the cartridge from a magazine into the firing chamber of a semi-automatic or automatic weapon. As depicted in Figure 1, the open end 16 of the case receives a projectile 24 which is provided with a rounded leading end 62. Figure 12 depicts a weapon 100 having a closed gas operated system for operating the bolt 104 of the weapon.